

Senate Bill No. 1303

CHAPTER 648

An act to amend Section 48800 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1303, Runner. Pupils: concurrent enrollment: high school: community college.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district, upon recommendation of the principal of a pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to authorize a pupil who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as a special part-time student to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

Existing law prohibits a principal from recommending, for any particular grade level, for community college summer session attendance, more than 5% of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation. Existing law exempts from the specified 5% a pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a college-level advanced scholastic summer session course or vocational community college summer session course, if all of the specified criteria are met.

This bill, instead, would exempt from the 5% limitation a pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a course that does not offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics, but is necessary to assist specified pupils pass the California High School Exit Exam, and the principal who makes the recommendation provides certain data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, as specified.

Existing law requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, on or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to the above exemption who enroll in community college summer session courses.

This bill would require the chancellor, on or before November 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to also report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils who receive a passing grade in the above community college summer session courses.

(2) Existing law repeals the exemption and related provisions as of January 1, 2011.

This bill would change the repeal date to January 1, 2009.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate atmosphere. The governing board may authorize those pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community college during any session or term as special part-time or full-time students and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the community college level.

(b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.

(c) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses that he or she completes at the level determined appropriate by the school district and community college district governing boards.

(d) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for community college summer session only if that pupil meets all of the following criteria:

(A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied.

(B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

(2) For any particular grade level, a principal may not recommend for community college summer session attendance more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.

(3) A high school pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a course shall not be included in the 5 percent limitation of pupils allowed to be recommended pursuant to paragraph (2) if the course

in which the pupil is enrolled meets one of the criterion listed in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, and the high school principal who recommends the pupil for enrollment provides the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, upon the request of that office, with the data required for purposes of paragraph (4).

(A) The course is a lower division, college-level course for credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general education breadth requirements of the California State University.

(B) The course is a college-level, occupational course for credit assigned a priority code of “A,” “B,” or “C,” pursuant to the Student Accountability Model, as defined by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and reported in the management information system, and the course is part of a sequence of vocational or career technical education courses leading to a degree or certificate in the subject area covered by the sequence.

(C) The course is necessary to assist a pupil who has not passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), does not offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics, and the pupil meets both of the following requirements:

- (i) The pupil is in his or her senior year.
- (ii) The pupil has completed all other graduation requirements prior to the end of his or her senior year, or will complete all remaining graduation requirements during a community college summer session, which he or she is recommended to enroll in, following his or her senior year of high school.

(4) On or before November 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph (3) who enroll in community college summer session courses and who receive a passing grade.

(5) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges may not include enrollment growth attributable to paragraph (3) as part of its annual budget request for the California Community Colleges.

(6) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050) of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision may not be waived.

(e) Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision (d) shall become inoperative on January 1, 2009.